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Diwan-i-Khas, "The Hall of Audience," a pavilion of white marble shining in the sun; walls and ceilings, pillars and arches, all inlaid with rich yet delicate colour. Gold cornices and lattices frame traceries of mauve and azure and pale green. What must it have been before Nadir Shah took away to Persia in 1739 the Peacock Throne, blazing with emerald and sapphire, ruby and diamond, and plates of burnished silver reflecting its glories from the roof?

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